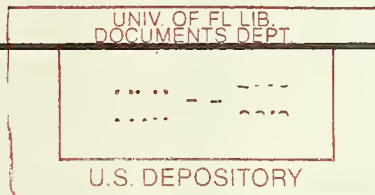
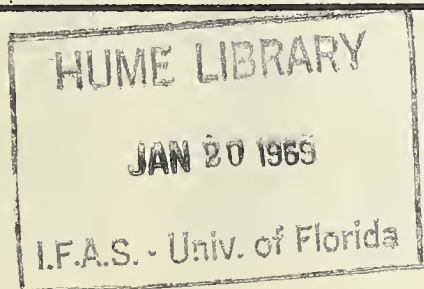


HATCHERY PRODUCTION



DECEMBER 1968



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Chick Production

Hatcheries produced 263 million chicks during December, 9 percent above a year earlier according to the Crop Reporting Board. The December broiler-type hatch of 230 million was up 7 percent from a year earlier while the January through December hatch of 2,808 million, was 2 percent above the same period in 1967. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1 were 3 percent above January 1, 1968.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December at 34 million, were up 25 percent from a year earlier. All regions showed increases as follows: North Atlantic, 31 percent; North Central, 22; South Atlantic, 83; South Central, 5; and West, 2 percent. Egg-type hatch for January through December totaled 506 million, 5 percent below the same months in 1967. Egg-type eggs in incubators on January 1 were up 13 percent from January 1, 1968.

Poult Production

Poult production of all breeds during December totaled 2,967,000, down 11 percent from December 1967. The heavy breed hatch was 2,276,000, down 8 percent and light breed hatch at 691,000 was down 21 percent. Turkey poult hatch January through December totaled 114,574,000, down 17 percent from the same period a year earlier. Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1 were up 7 percent from January 1, 1968.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries, United States

Month	By months				Cumulative			
	1966	1967	1968	Change from last year	1967	1968	Change from last year	
	Thousands			Pct.	Thousands			Pct.
Broiler-type:								
January	219,659	225,260	229,018	+ 2	225,260	229,018	+ 3,758	+ 2
February	207,420	217,590	219,197	+ 1	442,850	448,215	+ 5,365	+ 1
March	237,387	256,135	247,342	- 3	698,985	695,557	- 3,428	0
April	246,138	250,348	248,857	- 1	949,333	944,414	- 4,919	- 1
May	258,015	257,042	261,528	+ 2	1,206,375	1,205,942	- 433	0
June	246,626	244,971	251,583	+ 3	1,451,346	1,457,525	+ 6,179	0
July	244,449	241,078	245,827	+ 2	1,692,424	1,703,352	+10,928	+ 1
August	224,275	232,283	233,574	+ 1	1,924,707	1,936,926	+12,219	+ 1
September	212,683	201,668	203,887	+ 1	2,126,375	2,140,813	+14,438	+ 1
October	220,006	205,637	215,288	+ 5	2,332,012	2,356,101	+24,089	+ 1
November	212,815	211,342	222,501	+ 5	2,543,354	2,578,602	+35,248	+ 1
December	218,119	215,188	229,558	+ 7	2,758,542	2,808,160	+49,618	+ 2
Egg-type:								
January	36,202	39,761	33,458	-16	39,761	33,458	- 6,303	-16
February	41,178	46,315	38,126	-18	86,076	71,584	-14,492	-17
March	64,741	66,132	53,520	-20	152,208	125,104	-27,104	-18
April	81,036	74,418	62,245	-16	226,626	187,349	-39,277	-17
May	77,042	68,073	59,227	-13	294,699	246,576	-48,123	-16
June	53,915	47,929	43,701	- 9	342,628	290,277	-52,351	-15
July	36,654	34,040	35,971	+ 6	376,668	326,248	-50,420	-13
August	34,389	36,011	35,879	0	412,679	362,127	-50,552	-12
September	35,428	34,603	36,485	+ 5	447,282	398,612	-48,670	-11
October	37,855	32,878	38,599	+17	480,160	437,211	-42,949	- 9
November	35,530	27,681	35,283	+27	507,841	472,494	-35,347	- 7
December	35,363	26,977	33,617	+25	534,818	506,111	-28,707	- 5
Total Chicks:								
January	255,861	265,021	262,476	- 1	265,021	262,476	- 2,545	- 1
February	248,598	263,905	257,323	- 2	528,926	519,799	- 9,127	- 2
March	302,128	322,267	300,862	- 7	851,193	820,661	-30,532	- 4
April	327,174	324,766	311,102	- 4	1,175,959	1,131,763	-44,196	- 4
May	335,057	325,115	320,755	- 1	1,501,074	1,452,518	-48,556	- 3
June	300,541	292,900	295,284	+ 1	1,793,974	1,747,802	-46,172	- 3
July	281,103	275,118	281,798	+ 2	2,069,092	2,029,600	-39,492	- 2
August	258,664	268,294	269,453	0	2,337,386	2,299,053	-38,333	- 2
September	248,111	236,271	240,372	+ 2	2,573,657	2,539,425	-34,232	- 1
October	257,861	238,515	253,887	+ 6	2,812,172	2,793,312	-18,860	- 1
November	248,345	239,023	257,784	+ 8	3,051,195	3,051,096	- 99	0
December	253,482	242,165	263,175	+ 9	3,293,360	3,314,271	+20,911	+ 1

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By months				Cumulative			
	1966	1967	1968	Change from last year	1967	1968	Change from last year	
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.	
<u>Heavy breeds 1/</u>								
January	4,731	7,396	4,277	-42	7,396	4,277	- 3,119	-42
February	10,194	13,028	8,209	-37	20,424	12,486	- 7,938	-39
March	20,045	21,791	16,907	-22	42,215	29,393	-12,822	-30
April	22,110	22,119	19,024	-14	64,334	48,417	-15,917	-25
May	22,681	22,515	20,003	-11	86,849	68,420	-18,429	-21
June	16,531	17,675	15,809	-11	104,524	84,229	-20,295	-19
July	7,836	8,423	8,073	- 4	112,947	92,302	-20,645	-18
August	1,548	2,194	1,926	-12	115,141	94,228	-20,913	-18
September	711	1,232	1,027	-17	116,373	95,255	-21,118	-18
October	1,069	1,515	1,205	-20	117,888	96,460	-21,428	-18
November	1,556	1,860	1,454	-22	119,748	97,914	-21,834	-18
December	3,513	2,462	2,276	- 8	122,210	100,190	-22,020	-18
<u>Light breeds 1/</u>								
January	1,102	1,056	825	-22	1,056	825	- 231	-22
February	948	990	702	-29	2,046	1,527	- 519	-25
March	1,183	1,073	901	-16	3,119	2,428	- 691	-22
April	1,513	1,035	1,237	+20	4,154	3,665	- 489	-12
May	1,923	1,349	1,360	+ 1	5,503	5,025	- 478	- 9
June	2,143	1,977	2,001	+ 1	7,480	7,026	- 454	- 6
July	2,595	2,482	2,137	-14	9,962	9,163	- 799	- 8
August	1,914	2,340	1,621	-31	12,302	10,784	- 1,518	-12
September	1,389	1,176	1,020	-13	13,478	11,804	- 1,674	-12
October	1,359	1,108	1,031	- 7	14,586	12,835	- 1,751	-12
November	1,245	889	858	- 3	15,475	13,693	- 1,782	-12
December	1,110	879	691	-21	16,354	14,384	- 1,970	-12
<u>Total all breeds</u>								
January	5,833	8,452	5,102	-40	8,452	5,102	- 3,350	-40
February	11,142	14,018	8,911	-36	22,470	14,013	- 8,457	-38
March	21,228	22,864	17,808	-22	45,334	31,821	-13,513	-30
April	23,623	23,154	20,261	-12	68,488	52,082	-16,406	-24
May	24,604	23,864	21,363	-10	92,352	73,445	-18,907	-20
June	18,674	19,652	17,810	- 9	112,004	91,255	-20,749	-19
July	10,431	10,905	10,210	- 6	122,909	101,465	-21,444	-17
August	3,462	4,534	3,547	-22	127,443	105,012	-22,431	-18
September	2,100	2,408	2,047	-15	129,851	107,059	-22,792	-18
October	2,428	2,623	2,236	-15	132,474	109,295	-23,179	-17
November	2,801	2,749	2,312	-16	135,223	111,607	-23,616	-17
December	4,623	3,341	2,967	-11	138,564	114,574	-23,990	-17

1/ Heavy breeds include Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, crosses between heavy and light breeds, bronze and other heavy breeds. Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, and wild turkeys.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	December		January through December		December	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	- - - THOUSANDS - - -					
Maine	6,108	5,782	77,439	74,771	319	385
N. H. & Vt. 1/	594	472	7,039	5,803	174	165
Mass. & R.I. 2/	631	649	8,788	8,594	386	607
Conn.	917	662	12,484	11,871	324	214
N. Y.	3/	3/	3/	3/	1,370	1,640
N. J.	3/	3/	3/	3/	127	50
Pa.	4,566	4,979	57,054	62,470	927	1,685
N. A.	3/ 12,894	3/ 12,619	3/ 164,150	3/ 164,582	3,627	4,746
Ohio	440	450	6,670	6,270	990	1,300
Ind.	1,700	1,564	23,166	23,920	1,924	2,173
Ill.	0	0	363	172	1,070	1,393
Mich.	4/	5/	4/	5/	750	850
Wis.	1,068	1,205	14,516	14,770	337	415
Minn.	720	800	10,113	11,102	698	825
Iowa	90	5/	3,080	5/	400	400
Mo.	1,411	782	24,604	12,708	353	547
N. Dak.	4/	5/	4/	5/	0	0
S. Dak.	4/	5/	4/	5/	53	320
Nebr.	0	1	1,866	1,740	94	62
Kans.	0	0	634	793	328	280
N. C.	4/ 5,460	5/ 4,922	4/ 89,780	5/ 75,704	6,997	8,565
Del.	7,939	8,146	108,286	97,391	6/	6/
Md.	15,023	16,632	180,985	195,622	6/	6/
Va.	4,852	5,320	65,207	65,822	330	258
W. Va.	322	101	5,210	2,976	6/	6/
N. C.	21,484	22,311	277,486	291,346	222	431
S. C.	1,322	1,706	18,520	18,844	308	626
Ga.	38,407	40,603	496,933	494,508	1,580	3,010
Fla.	3,689	3,806	41,195	45,718	1,775	3,415
S. A.	93,038	98,625	1,193,822	1,212,227	6/ 4,234	6/ 7,765
Ky.	7/	7/	7/	7/	169	395
Tenn.	2,294	2,965	34,622	31,924	492	604
Ala.	27,535	30,072	342,490	355,262	900	815
Miss.	15,671	16,433	196,828	203,827	919	1,211
Ark.	31,820	35,936	400,697	422,333	1,844	1,556
La.	3,592	3,435	44,639	43,160	245	106
Okla.	7/	7/	7/	7/	65	61
Texas	13,253	14,104	166,002	172,823	1,587	1,778
S. C.	7/ 94,426	7/ 103,258	7/ 1,189,946	7/ 1,233,960	6,221	6,526
Colo.	5	3	250	176	160	84
Utah	70	57	1,613	1,401	51	102
Wash.	1,795	1,544	24,834	22,997	847	689
Oreg.	1,014	1,082	13,453	14,497	162	163
Calif.	5,935	6,823	73,867	75,573	4,311	4,493
West. 8/	9,370	10,134	120,844	121,687	5,898	6,015
U. S.	215,188	229,558	2,758,542	2,808,160	26,977	33,617

1/ New Hampshire and Vermont combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ North Atlantic total includes New York and New Jersey to avoid disclosing individual operations.

4/ North Central total includes Michigan, North and South Dakota to avoid disclosing individual operations.

5/ North Central total includes Michigan, Iowa, North and South Dakota to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Egg-type		Total				
	Jan. through Dec.		December				
	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968	1967	1968
	- - - THOUSANDS - - -						
Maine	6,672	5,536	6,728	6,427	6,167	84,111	80,301
N. H. & Vt. 1/	2,676	2,007	774	768	637	9,715	7,810
Mass. & R.I. 2/	7,212	8,188	1,334	1,017	1,256	16,000	16,782
Conn.	4,753	4,218	1,520	1,241	876	17,237	16,089
N. Y.	21,840	20,010	1,880	3/	3/	3/	3/
N. J.	4,288	3,365	463	3/	3/	3/	3/
Pa.	23,259	23,330	5,770	5,493	6,664	80,313	85,800
N. A.	70,700	66,654	18,469	3/16,521	3/17,365	3/234,850	3/231,236
Ohio	21,660	17,235	1,980	1,430	1,750	28,330	23,505
Ind.	34,069	33,304	3,816	3,624	3,737	57,235	57,224
Ill.	22,273	20,523	1,132	1,070	1,393	22,636	20,695
Mich.	9,200	9,660	4/	4/	5/	4/	5/
Wis.	6,578	6,525	1,448	1,405	1,620	21,094	21,295
Minn.	22,688	18,946	1,518	1,418	1,625	32,801	30,048
Iowa	25,670	17,225	510	490	5/	28,750	5/
Mo.	16,073	15,519	2,169	1,764	1,329	40,677	28,227
N. Dak.	1,417	1,130	4/	4/	5/	4/	5/
S. Dak.	8,167	6,273	4/	4/	5/	4/	5/
Nebr.	9,257	8,226	223	94	63	11,123	9,966
Kans.	6,240	5,450	186	328	280	6,874	6,243
N. C.	183,292	160,016	4/14,473	4/12,457	5/13,487	4/273,072	5/235,720
Del.	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/
Md.	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/
Va.	6,315	4,597	5,268	5,182	5,578	71,522	70,419
W. Va.	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/
N. C.	9,221	8,696	23,665	21,706	22,742	286,707	300,042
S. C.	8,081	7,948	1,686	1,630	2,332	26,601	26,792
Ga.	32,959	36,830	42,495	39,987	43,613	529,892	531,338
Fla.	33,160	37,905	5,038	5,464	7,221	74,355	83,623
S. A. 6/	90,853	97,095	102,012	97,272	106,390	1,284,675	1,309,322
Ky.	3,543	3,633	416	7/	7/	7/	7/
Tenn.	8,325	10,177	4,221	2,786	3,569	42,947	42,101
Ala.	14,281	13,349	26,411	28,435	30,887	356,771	368,611
Miss.	16,107	15,486	16,108	16,590	17,644	212,935	219,313
Ark.	20,592	20,353	34,319	33,664	37,492	421,289	442,686
La.	3,239	3,364	3,800	3,837	3,541	47,878	46,524
Okla.	4,565	4,158	451	7/	7/	7/	7/
Texas	28,351	25,449	15,000	14,840	15,882	194,353	198,272
S. C.	99,003	95,969	100,726	7/100,647	7/109,784	7/1,288,949	7/1,329,929
Colo.	1,946	1,820	132	165	87	2,196	1,996
Utah	1,525	1,562	326	121	159	3,138	2,963
Wash.	12,112	9,602	2,920	2,642	2,233	36,946	32,599
Oreg.	3,385	3,411	1,281	1,176	1,245	16,838	17,908
Calif.	66,083	64,038	12,155	10,246	11,316	139,950	139,611
West. 8/	90,970	86,377	17,802	15,268	16,149	211,814	208,064
U. S.	534,818	506,111	253,482	242,165	263,175	3,293,360	3,314,271

6/ South Atlantic total includes Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia to avoid disclosing individual operations.

7/ South Central total includes Kentucky and Oklahoma to avoid disclosing individual operations.

8/ West total includes Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Chicken eggs in incubators, January 1, 1969

Geographic division	As percent of January 1, 1968		
	Broiler-type	Egg-type	Total eggs
North Atlantic	105	109	106
East North Central	99	124	114
West North Central	90	103	98
South Atlantic	102	131	104
South Central	104	110	105
West	107	102	105
United States	103	113	105

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubators

Geographic division	Total breeds 1/					
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		All breeds	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Poults hatched during December						
North Atlantic	10	3	1	21	11	24
East North Central	186	136	65	70	251	206
West North Central	381	373	492	377	873	750
South Atlantic	858	680	170	180	1,028	860
South Central	448	546	29	0	477	546
West	579	538	122	43	701	581
United States	2,462	2,276	879	691	3,341	2,967
Turkey eggs in incubator January 1	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
North Atlantic	13	3	0	4	13	7
East North Central	310	162	100	140	410	302
West North Central	1,702	2,085	528	543	2,230	2,628
South Atlantic	1,597	1,310	321	255	1,918	1,565
South Central	1,215	1,365	42	0	1,257	1,365
West	1,417	1,966	157	66	1,574	2,032
United States	6,254	6,891	1,148	1,008	7,402	7,899
January 1, 1969 as percent of January 1, 1968				Percent		
United States				88		107

1/ Heavy breeds include Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, crosses between heavy and light breeds, bronze and other heavy breeds. Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, and wild turkeys.



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